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Applications of Energy Market Models in Europe

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ECN-Policy Studies

Mission: provides knowledge and strategies that matter for a sustainable future

- National energy and emission strategy
- Renewable Energy
- **Energy production, networks, and markets (EPM)**
- Energy in transport and buildings
- Energy Innovation and society
- International energy and climate issues

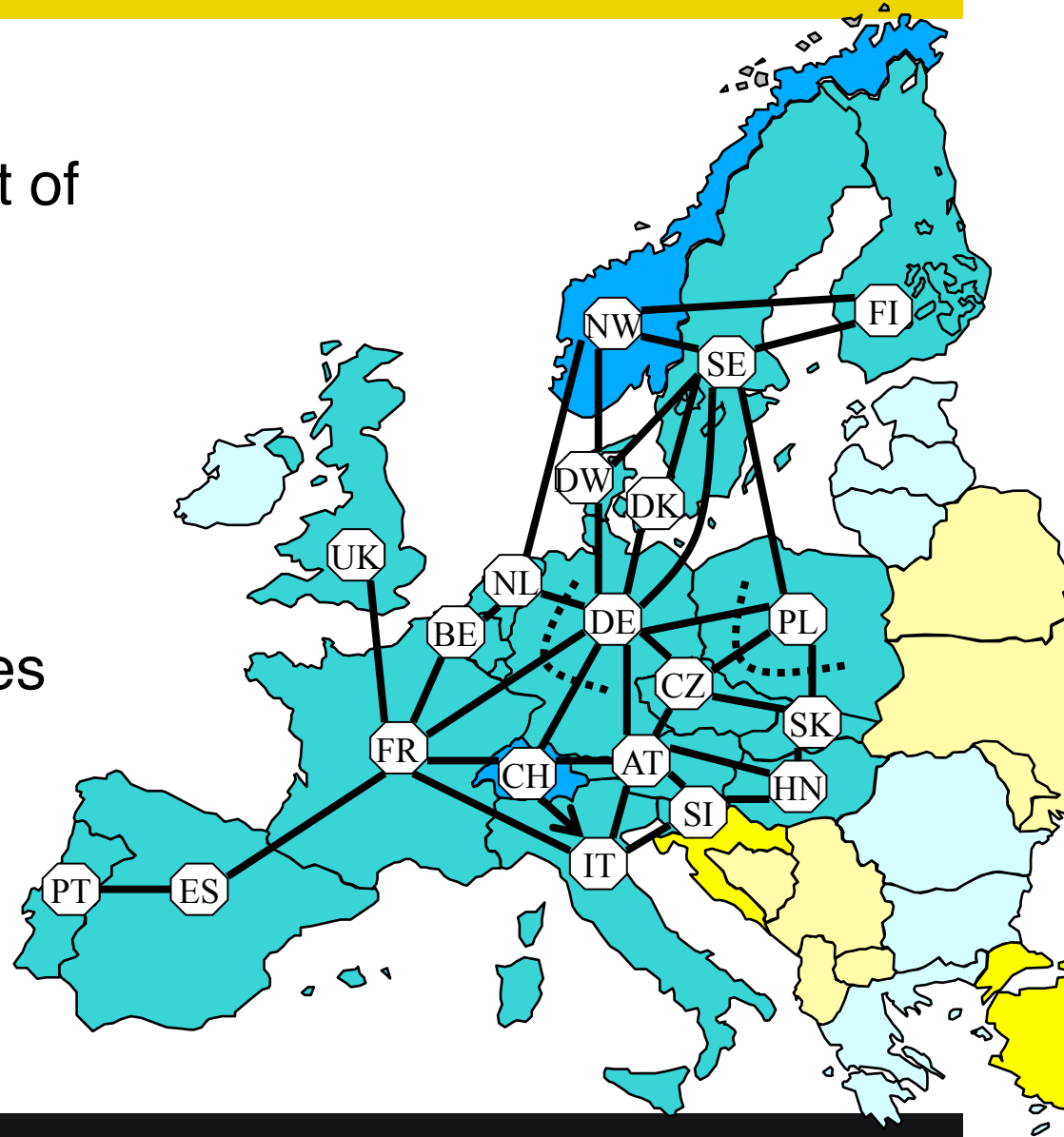
Optimization-based Energy Market Models of EPM

- Electricity market model of Europe: **COMPETES** (in cooperation with Benjamin F. Hobbs)
- Gas market model of Europe: **GASTALE** (in cooperation with Benjamin F. Hobbs and Steven Gabriel)

COMPETES

Goal: Evaluation of the impact of electricity market design & structure, regulatory changes and generator strategic behaviour upon:

- Electricity market prices
- Cross-border congestion pattern and transmission prices between countries
- Income distribution (TSO revenues, generator profits, consumer surplus)



Market participants

Agents:

- Generators aiming to maximize profits
- Arbitrageurs aiming to maximize profits
- TSO's aiming to maximize the value of transmission

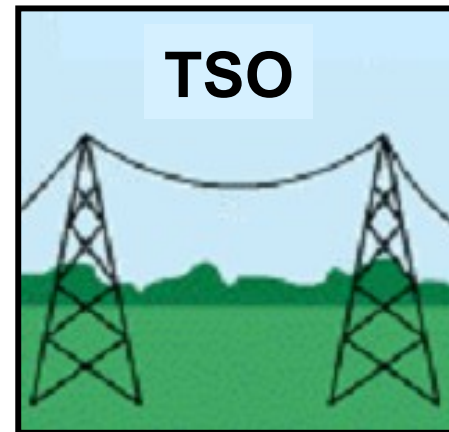
Oligopolistic generators



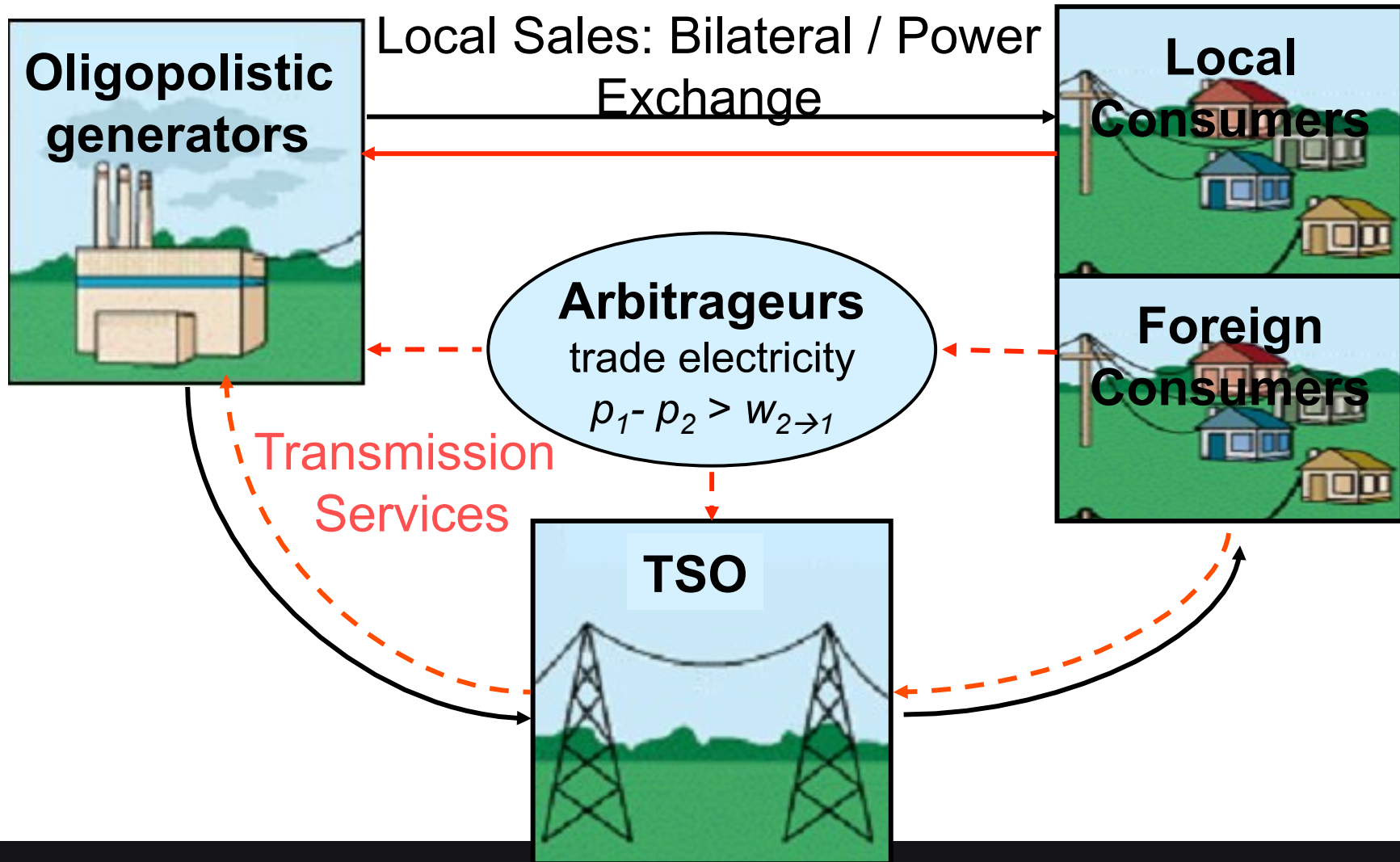
Arbitrageurs



TSO



Market interactions



Methodology (1)

- Competition between 20 EU electricity markets
- Short-run equilibrium
- Optimization problem for each agents: Generators, arbitrageurs, and TSOs:

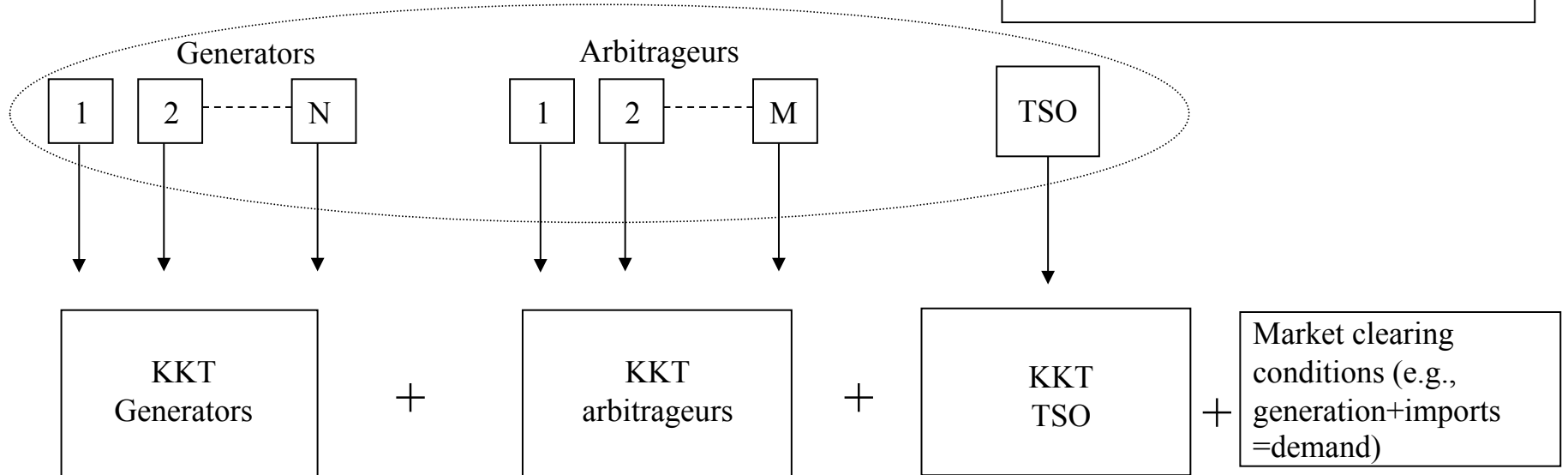


Optimality (KKT) conditions of all the agents and market clearing conditions

Methodology (2)

Agent i :

maximize $Revenue_i - Cost_i$
s.t. $Constraints_i$



Methodology (3)

- Competition between 20 EU electricity markets
- Short-run equilibrium (static model)
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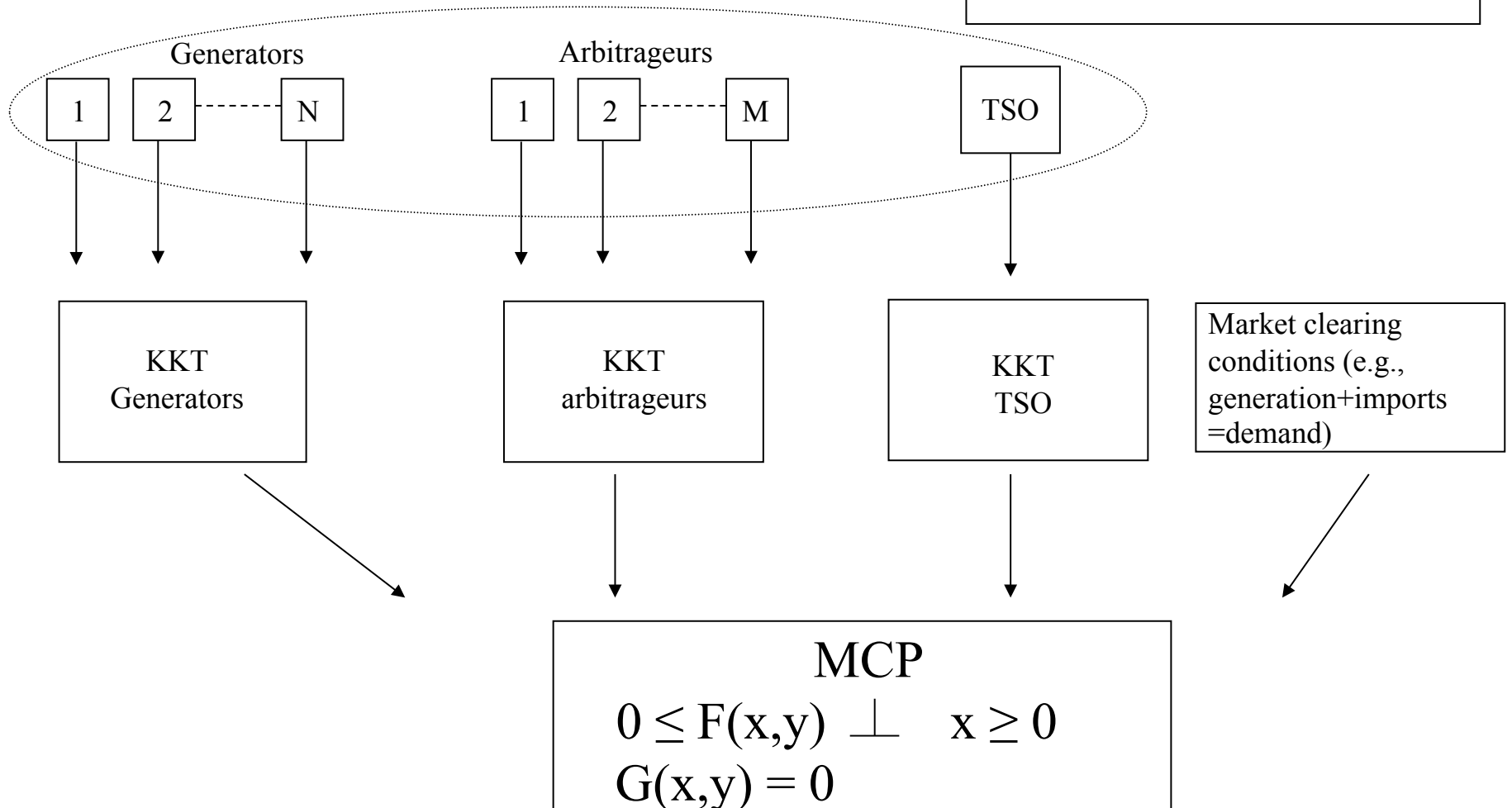


mixed complementarity problem (MCP)

Methodology (4)

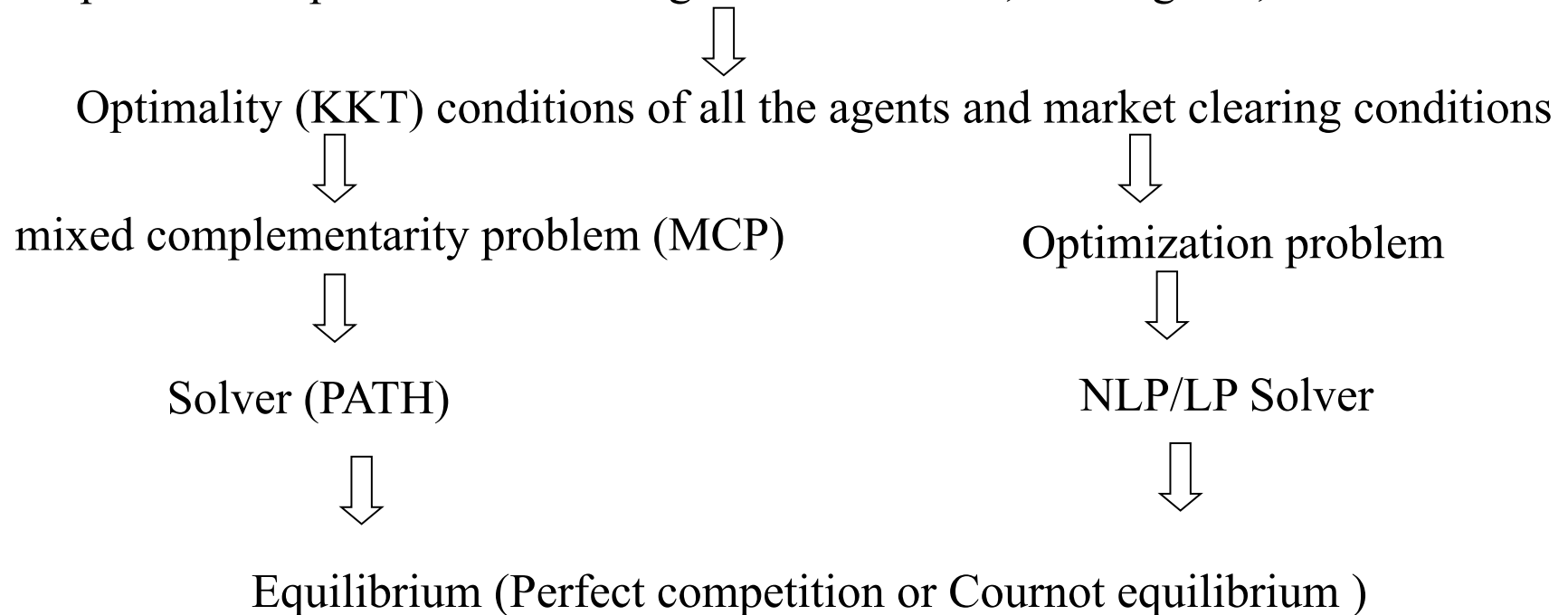
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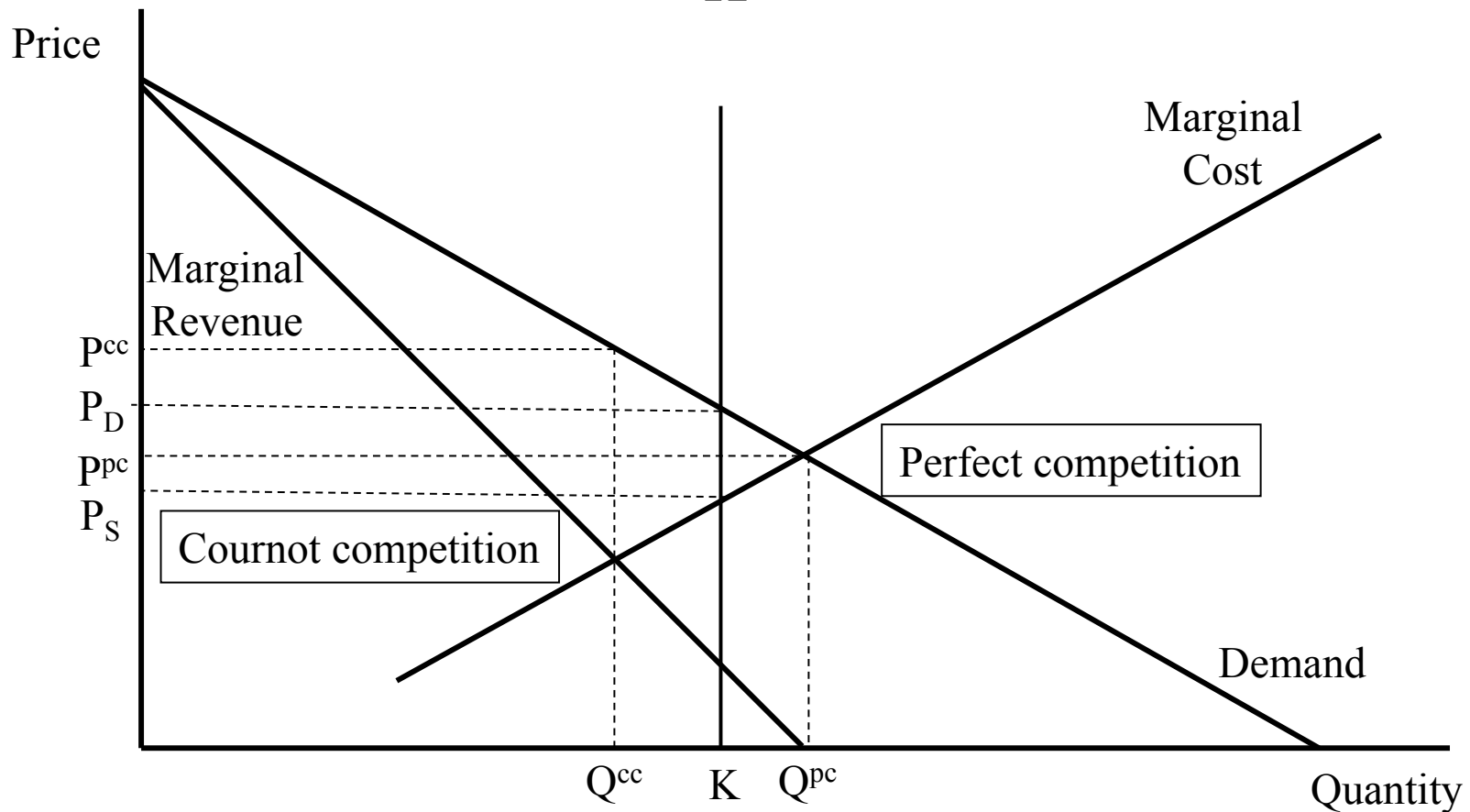
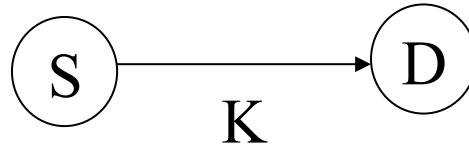


Methodology (5)

- Competition between 20 EU electricity markets
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How does it work for a simple market ?



Solution

Given specific levels of demand or demand curves, short-term marginal cost of supply and transmission capacities:

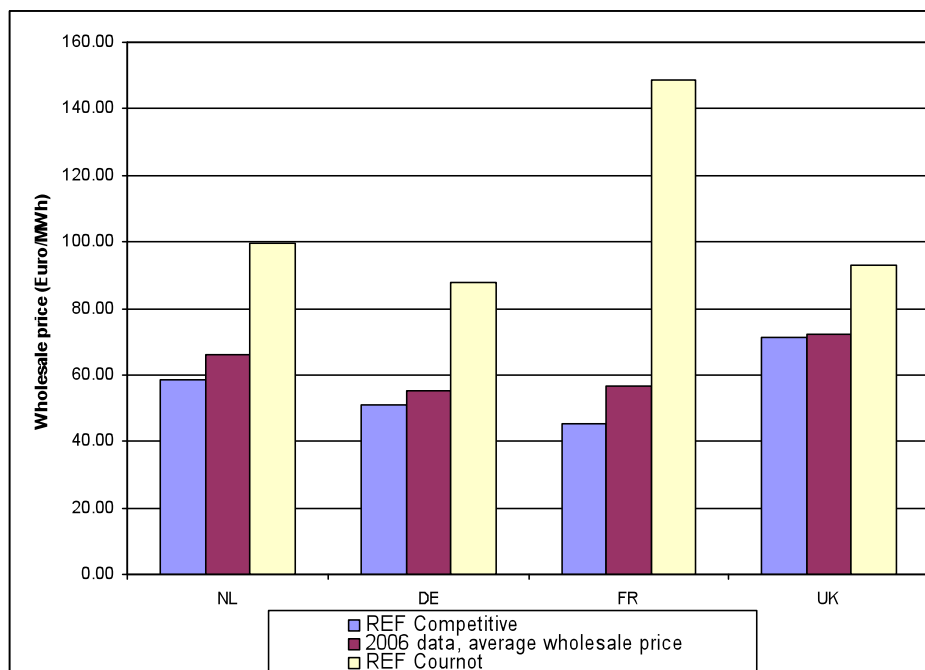
- allocation of generation capacity,
 - allocation of transmission capacity
 - electricity prices
- are determined either for Perfect competition or for Cournot equilibrium.

Input data

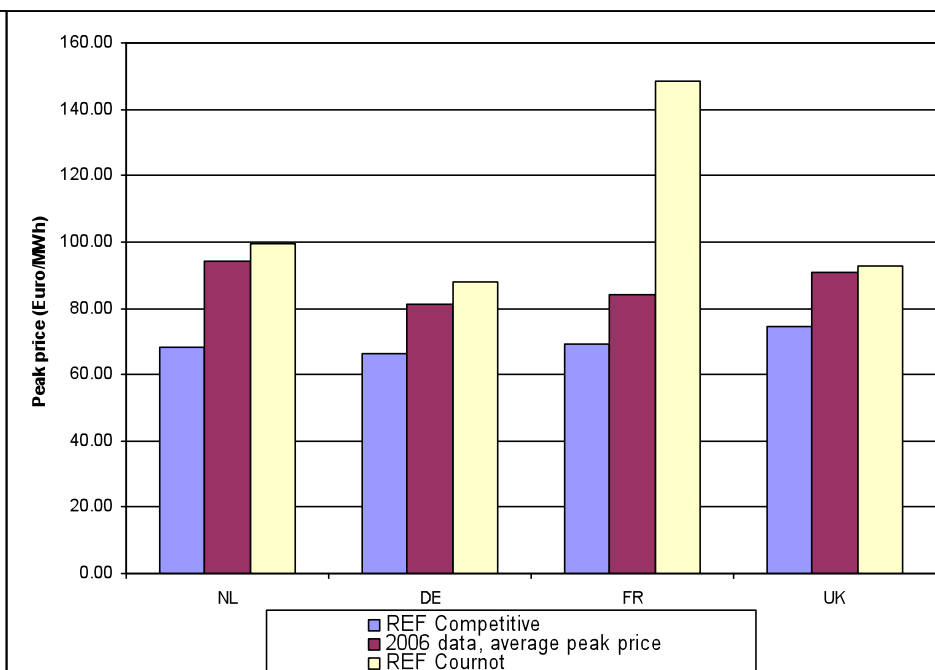
- individual power plants (ownership, fuel type, efficiency, availability, maximum output)
- transmission system (3-Hub system linearized DC approximation, auction-based transmission system)
- one year subdivided into 12 demand periods: winter, summer, midseason; super peak, peak, shoulder, off peak
- Wind production: seasonal variability->winter, summer, midseason

COMPETES Results vs Market Realizations for 2006

Average Base-Load Prices



Average Peak-Load Prices

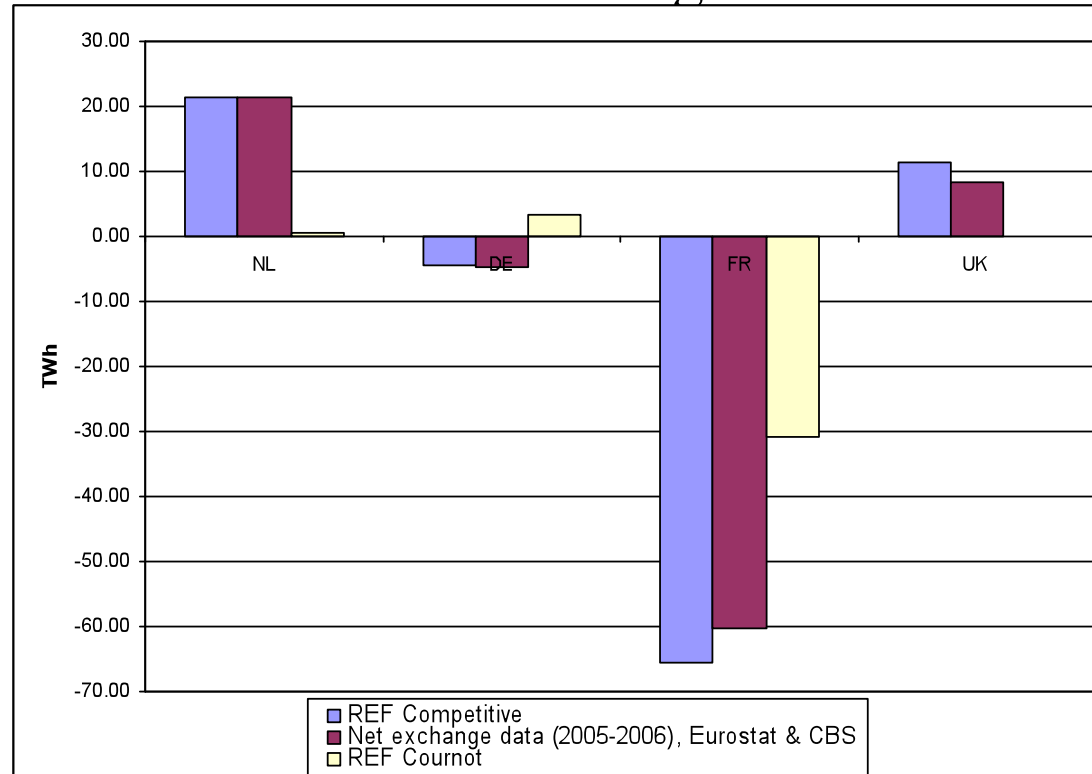


Wholesale prices in 2006 are close to base load prices in perfect competition

Peak Prices in 2006 are close to Cournot prices in peak hours (except France)

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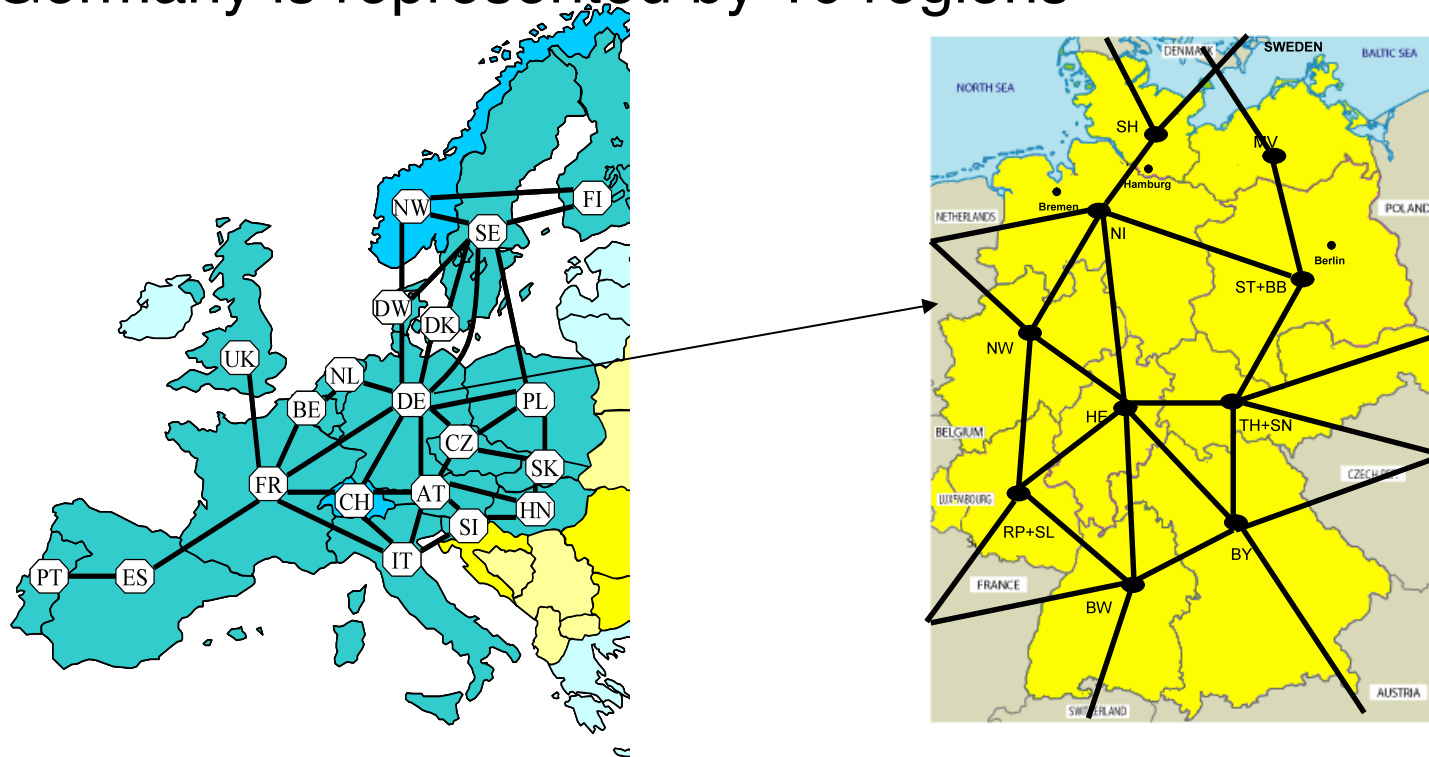
Net Exchanges



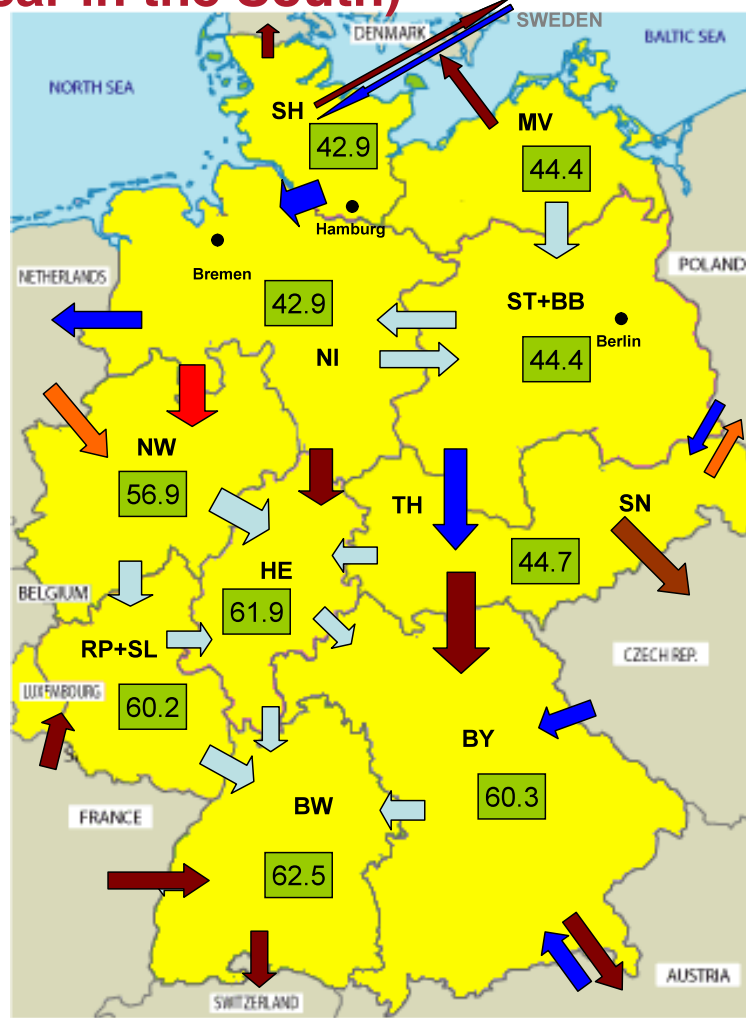
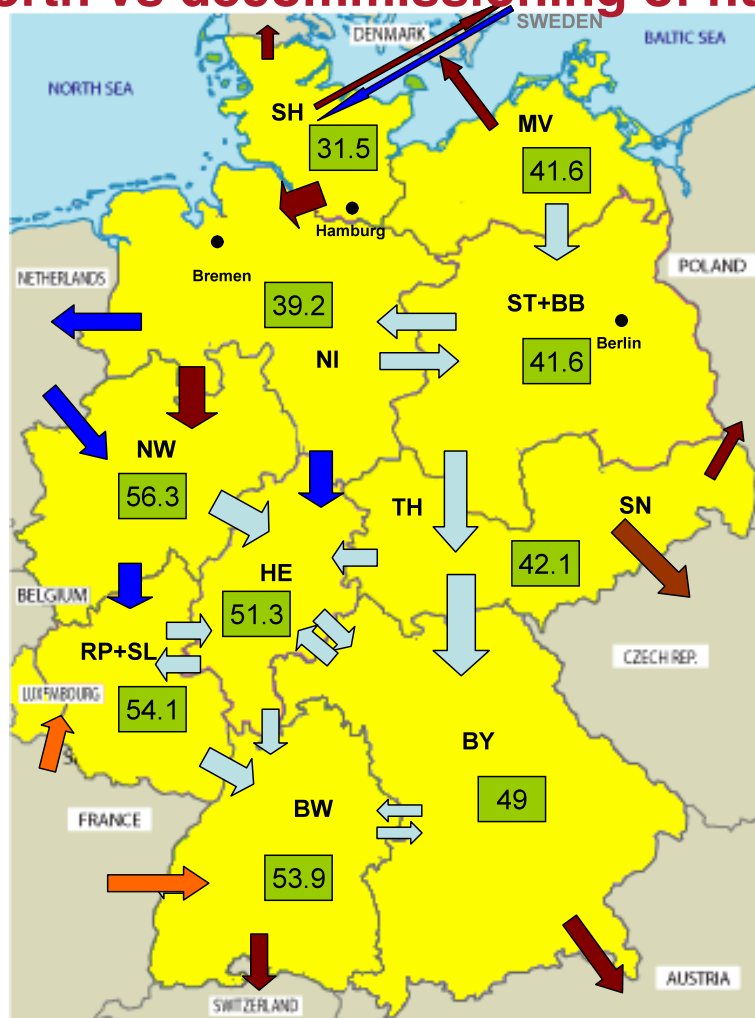
Net imports-exports in 2006 are close to net exchange flows under perfect competition

A nodal pricing analysis of the future German market

- Covers 20 EU countries; each country as a single node
- Germany is represented by 10 regions



Internal congestion in future German electricity market (Wind in the North vs decommissioning of nuclear in the South)



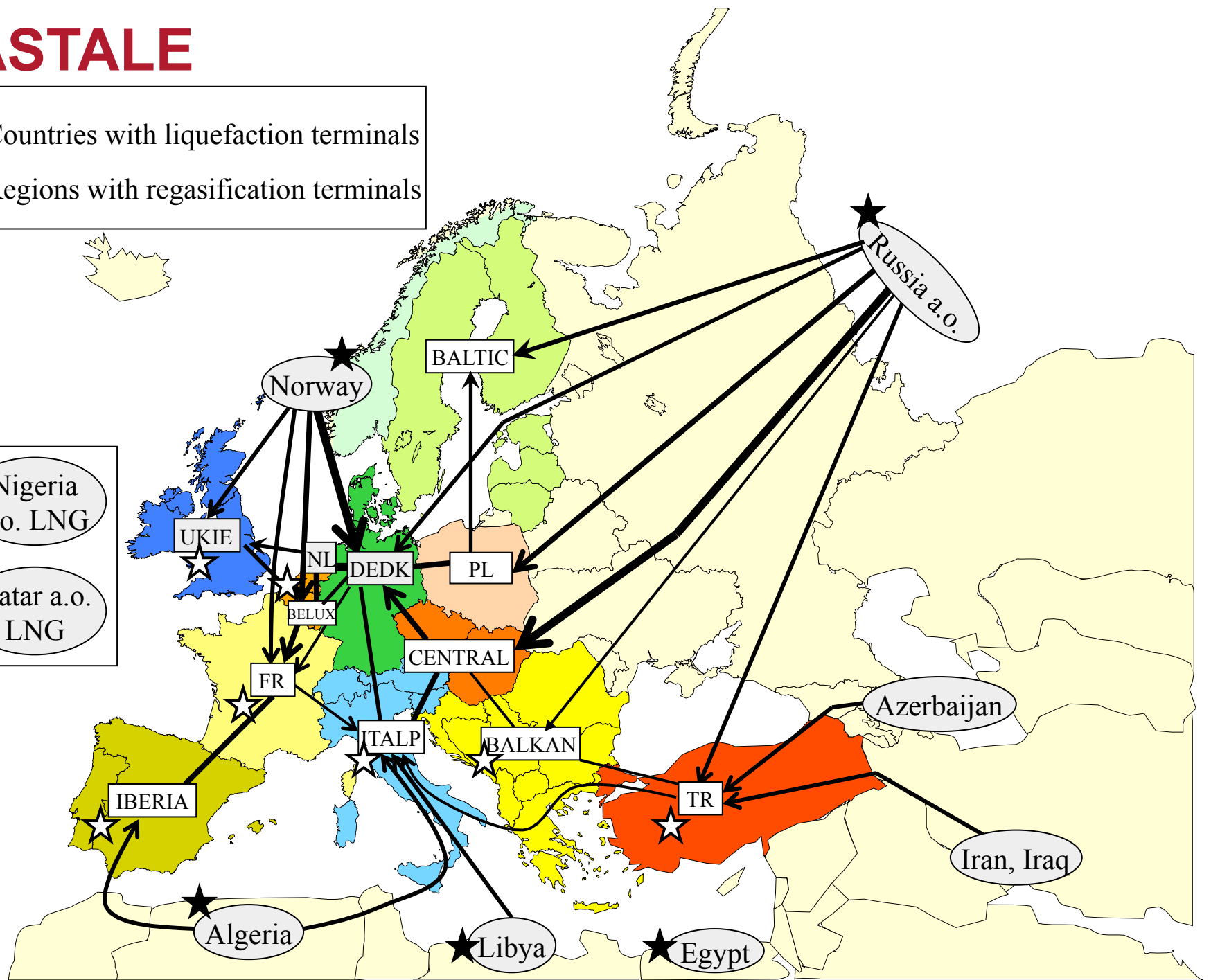
Possible Applications

- Impact of more or less stringent policies (e.g, CO₂ emission allowance, RES target and obligation levels on the market prices and the exchange flows between the national markets)
- Evaluation of impact of changes in power market
 - market structure (market integration)
 - investments in transmission and generation capacities
- Analysis of the potential consequences of mergers and acquisitions

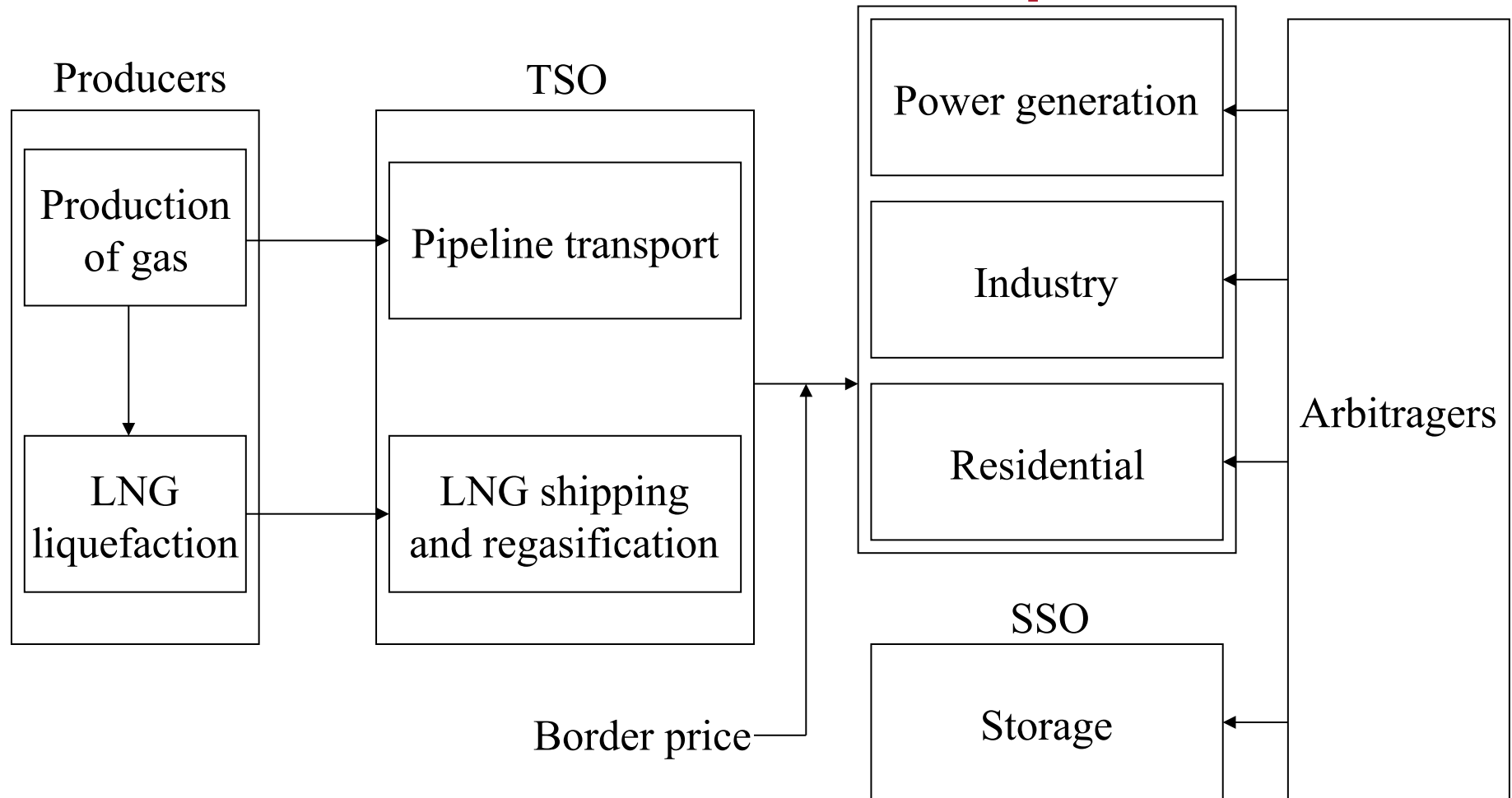
GASTALE

- ★ Countries with liquefaction terminals
- ☆ Regions with regasification terminals

- ★ Nigeria a.o. LNG
- ★ Qatar a.o. LNG



The Overview of Market Participants



Model Features

1. Multiyear equilibrium model formulated by MCP
2. Solver: PATH
3. Time Resolution:
 - Horizon 2010-2050
 - Time steps: ten year periods
 - For each period: low, medium, and high demand season
4. Investment dynamics:
 - Short-sighted view: Economically optimal expansion of pipeline, LNG and, storage capacities for each ten year period
 - Perfect foresight is also possible
5. Producers behavior vary between perfect and Cournot competition->Cournot conjectural variation

Possible Applications

Based on gas demand projections (e.g., European energy and transport trends, International Energy Agency (IEA) scenarios)

- Seasonal gas prices
- Investments in gas infrastructure (pipeline, storage, and LNG capacity)
- Security of supply (e.g, dependence on the gas supply of non-EU countries)

Wish list and challenges

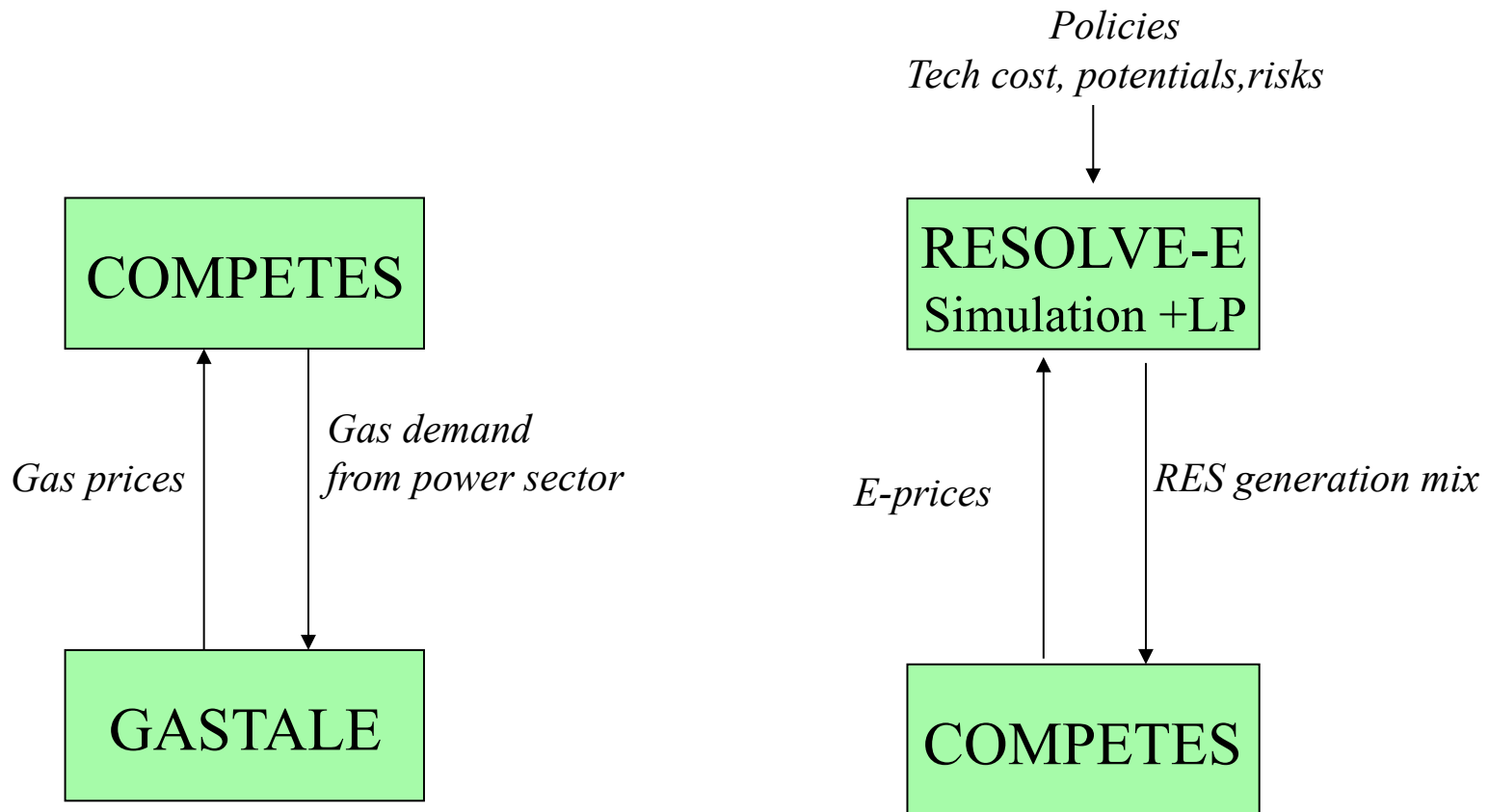
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Wish list and challenges

2. Interactions between market models: Convergence to a solution?



THANK YOU!